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SUBJECT: ITALIAN PRIOR DEPOSIT PROGRAM: DISCRIMINATION AFFECTING U.S. CARRIERS

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1. THE FOLLOING IS A DEPARTMENT UPDATE OF EVENTS SINCE AUGUST 3 REGARDING THE PRIOR DEPOSIT PROGRAM:

2. ON AUGUST 3, JIM HORN, PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN EXPORT LINES (AEL) CALLED THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF MARITIME AFFAIRS (MA) TO COMPLAIN THAT THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
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U.S. CARRIERS UNDER THE PRIOR DEPOSIT PROGRAM HAD NOT

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BEEN ELIMINATED BUT IN FACT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER,
1976,

3. BETWEEN AUGUST 3 AND AUGUST 6, THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE
OF INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER BETWEEN MA,
MR. MICHELE COSENTINO, FIRST SECRETARY (COMMERCIAL),
ITALIAN EMBASSY, AND MR. A. P. FERRONI, MANAGING DIRECTOR
FOR SALES AND TRAFFIC FOR AEL IN GENOA, WHO WAS AT THIS
TIME IN NEW YORK. DURING A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION HE HAD
ITH MR. COSENTINO, WHO WAS VISITING THE DEPARTMENT (MA),
THE LATTER ACHIEVED A DIRECT UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM

AS IT HAS AFFECTED U.S. CARRIERS. MR. COSENTINO
HOPEFULLY WILL CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE ITALIAN OFFICIALS
REGARDING HIS "MEETING OF THE MIND" WTTH MR. FERRONI.
MR. FERRONI HAS SINCE DEPARTED FOR GENOA AND POSSIBLY
THENCE ROME AND INDICATED HE OULD TALK WITH ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT AND U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

4. ON AUGUST 9, A SEA-LAND OFFICIAL ALSO COMPLAINED
TO MA REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF THE DECREE. THE
OFFICIAL ALSO TOLD MA THAT A MEETING IS SCHEDULED IN
ROME ON AUGUST 11 BETWEEN ALL US-FLAG LINES DOING
BUSINESS IN ITALY AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

5. THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, IN SEPARATE LETTERS
TO AEL AND SEA-LAND, HAS GIVEN THEM ASSURANCE THAT
"NO NEW WAIVERS (UNDER P.R. L7) WILL BE GRANTED WHILE
THE DISCRIMINATION PERSISTS AND THAT IF IT IS NOT
PROMPTLY RESOLVED, ACTION ILL BE TAKEN ON OUTSTANDING
GENERAL AIVERS." SEE REFTEL FOR BACKGROUND.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST EMBASSY CABLE RESULTS OF
AUGUST 11 MEETING AT EARLIEST CONVIEENIENCE.
IN ADDITION, YOU MAY WISH TO REITERATE TO APPROPRIATE
OFFICIALS THAT MARAD IS PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO REVOKE
THE EXIMBANK WAIVERS IF THE DISCRIMINATION IS NOT
REMOVED IMMEDIATELY. ROBINSON

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